RE. KIDNAPPING/KILLING OF ARMY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS IN KASHMIR

SHRI JAGMOHAN (NOMINATED): Madam, I would like to bring to your notice the kidnapping of seven Army officers in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Apart from this very tragic incident, the issue is one of inexcusable lapse. If you see the figures for the last seven months, from 1st January, you will find that 1,634 people have been killed and something like 294 abductions have taken place. Everyday it is being reported that there is internal subversion. As early as in August, 1989, on the 14th of August, no less a person than Mr. Shafi Quereshi, who is now the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, and at that time the Chief of the State Congress, had said, "There is a total subversion within the ranks, and one has to take care of this, and nothing is moving in the State and a total collapse has taken place." Ever since that time, the attitude has been of a little bit of indifference. I do not want to go into the details. Our distinguished Member, Mr. Gujral, had already pointed out as early as in October that there was no Government in Jammu and Kashmir. The militants are totally conniving with the local police. Thereafter, a large number of IB Inspectors were killed. There was a treachery and the people leaked...I would request the Home Minister to listen to me.

AN HON. MEMBER: You request Mr. Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am sorry.

[The Vice-Chairman Shrimati Kamla Sinha

IN THE CHAIR

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Sir, I would like to repeat what I said. At that time also, it was known that there was a treacherous leakage which resulted in a large number of killings of the Inspectors of the Intelligence Bureau. Wherever they killed, it was somebody within the Services who leaked the information. I know Mr. K.N.P. Singh, Mr. Bhan and others who were killed. There was a total leakage of information...this thing had happened. These officers were put in a bus and asked to go. There was, obviously, a leakage. They were assaulted there and kidnapped. They saw who were the people. One Jammu Officer...(*Interruptions*) I would seek the indulgence of the hon. Home Minister.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: He is listening to you. He is also hearing me.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: कश्मीर का मामला आप उठा रहे हैं तो फोतेदार जी गंभीरता से बात कर रहे हैं।

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: He is occupying the Prime Minister's Chair.

श्री सतीश अग्रवाल: फोतेदार जी प्राइम मिनिस्टर बन नहीं गए हैं, बनना चाहते है।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Fotedar is now disturbing the Home Minister. When I was sitting with him, he commented. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Mr. Fotedar wants to become Prime Minister. That is why they are coming closer.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: I have no such intention, nor have I any such illusion.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): Mr. Jagmohan, please continue.

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Madam, I was saying that in spite of this experience, this had happened. These officers were out in a bus and sent. Seven of them were kidnapped. Naturally, there was a leakage. That is why the kidnapping took place. They sorted out who is who. The officer who was recruited from Jammu was then shot dead.

My point is, somebody has to be held responsible for this type of lapse. It lowers the morale of the Army. This is not a circumstance which you can excuse. As I was giving you the figures earlier, 1,634 people were killed. Even the security forces have been attacked during the last seven months. I am talking about the present time. In the last seven months, one thousand six hundr[illegible] killed. In spite of this, they allowed these officers to go. We had the experience of bombs exploding underneath the dais of the Governor at the Republic Day function. There were other incidents of bomb explosions. Still, these officers were sent in a bus. Naturally, kidnapping would take place. I do not think one can justify this type of a lapse. It is an inexcusable lapse.

In spite of these things happening, what I find is that there is no change in the policy of

the Government. There is no change, except their saying that they would go ahead with the elections and so on. It seems, this is the only strategy of the Government. What is the basic issue, Madam?

I would humbly request. There is a strategy which could be worked in these circumstances. I have been mentioning a ten-point strategy. Ever since I was sent there as Governor for the second time, I have been saying that we should recognise the ground realities and work out a comprehensive strategy. But this, Madam, is not happening, with the result that this type of tragic incidents are being repeated.

Therefore, I would once again request the Government to take a fresh look at the situation and not confine their policy only to a, sort of, tape-recorded message, i.e. elections. We will have to take a very serious view of the situation in view of such things happening where army personnel are being kidnapped, where all types of people are being taken hostage, where so many killings are taking place. This is happening even in 1995. This is what I wanted to bring to the notice of the Government, through you. Thank you very much, Madam.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL (BIHAR): Madam, I would take just one minute on this. Unfortunately, every day, this issue is coming up before the House in one shape or the other. This is very tragic. Unfortunately, we find a statute-like and a stoic silence on the part of the Government.

I have been talking about it for the past one week-about the bomb blasts in Jammu and other incidents there. I have pointed out again and again that there is a very consistent and sorted-out policy on the part of Pakistan to create such incidents. Last night, I heard, at length, the President of Pakistan talking to his journalists. One message came through very clearly through every source. That message is: Pakistan is bent upon doing the worst now. The tragedy is different. The tragedy is not what Pakistan does. The tragedy is the stoic silence on our part. People from all political parties, including the Congress, and all the Ministers who went there, have said that a change in the administration is needed. Silence. Ministers are sent. Ministers come back and report. Silence. I want to know. Is it or is it not a fact - I am not leaking out any secret - that even the Ministers, even those who were close to the Prime Minister who had been sent, have come back with the conclusion that a great deal of change was needed at the level of the Governor and at other levels of the administration as well? I do not know what we are waiting for. We are worried.

(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): You will have the opportunity. We are going to have a discussion tomorrow.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Tomorrow we are discussing it.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: We are going to have a discussion on this issue tomorrow.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Discussion is a different thing.

(*Interruptions*)

Madam, yesterday, we co-operated. I am not sorry for that. Today a situation has come. Tomorrow we will be adjourning. And the whole thing will go on merrily. Kidnapping of seven officers is not a small thing. It is not something about which the Home Minister can afford to tell us, "I will let you know tomorrow." He should have come here to make a *suo-motu* statement in the morning and tell the nation what is happening and what he is going to do. Thank you.

SHRI SANATAN BESI (ORISSA): Madam, only one sentence.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): Please sit down. Yes, Mr. Jagdesh Desai. Not on this?

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: On Rajiv Gandhi's death.

SHRI SANATAN BISI: Madam, I wanted to tell you about this thing because in the newspapers and over the radio the information is coming that the four foreign hostages are safe. We are reading that in the newspapers. The Home Minister should come forward with a statement as to what Pakistan is doing and what the Americans are doing.

RE. ALLEGED PUNISHMENT TO HINDI-SPEAKING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AT SHILLONG

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